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1. SUMMARY. FINLAND IS SENDING STRONG DELEGATION, HEADED BY HEAD OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH MINISTRY, TO WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE. DESPITE THIS, FINLAND'S ROLE AT CONFERENCE WILL PROBABLY BE LOW-KEY ONE. END SUMMARY.

2. FINLAND IS SENDING DELEGATION OF NINETEEN PERSONS HEADED BY MINISTER SEIJA MARJATTA KARKINEN, HEAD OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH MINISTRY, TO WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE IN BUCHAREST. OTHER DELEGATES AND ADVISORS ARE LISTED BELOW.

DELEGATES: H.E. MR. PENTTI SUOMELA, AMBASSADOR TO ROMANIA, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION; MR. ILPPU KANGAS, SECRETARY GENERAL, THE FINNISH ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL; MR. ERKKI LAATO, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING DIVISION, OFFICE
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TOR, SOCIAL INSURANCE INSTITUTION, CHAIRMAN OF THE
FINNISH UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANT: MISS HELENA LEHTIMÄKI, SECRETARY,
THE FINNISH NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON WORLD POPULATION YEAR.

3. WE DO NOT THINK FINLAND WILL PLAY LEADING ROLE AT
CONFERENCE. TRADITIONALLY FINLAND MAINTAINS LOW PROFILE
AT SUCH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. IT OFTEN COORDINATES
POSITIONS WITH ITS SCANDINAVIAN NEIGHBORS. FINLAND
ITSELF HAS NO STRONG DOMESTIC POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM.
BIRTH CONTROL INFORMATION AND DEVICES ARE MADE AVAILABLE
TO THOSE WHO REQUEST THEM BUT EMPHASIS IS ON FAMILY
PLANNING, NOT LIMITATION OF FAMILY SIZE. AUTHORITIES
DO NOT CONSIDER FINLAND OVERPOPULATED OR IN DANGER OF
BECOMING SO IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. MANY AREAS ARE IN
FACT CONSIDERED UNDER-POPULATED.

4. IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA, FINLAND HAS CONCENTRATED
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THE MAJOR PART OF ITS SUPPORT FOR POPULATION PROGRAMS ON
THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES.
CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE TO POPULATION
PROGRAMS OF IPPF AND OF OECD DEVELOPMENT CENTER.
STUDY IS BEING GIVEN TO POSSIBILITIES OF POPULATION
ASSISTANCE IN FINLAND'S BILATERAL AID PROGRAMS.
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